

## Multiple Groups Problems and Iowa Core Mathematics

Complete column 2 for each standard. This page does not repeat the standards listed on “Equal Groups Problems and Iowa Core Mathematics.”

Iowa Core Mathematics Standard	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>What do children learn about this standard by solving Multiple Group Problems? Think about the evidence you might see in students’ work.</p>
<p><b>4.NF.B.3abc</b> Understand a fraction <math>a/b</math> with <math>a &gt; 1</math> as a sum of fractions <math>1/b</math>.</p> <p>a. Understand addition and subtraction of fractions as joining and separating parts referring to the same whole.</p> <p>b. Decompose a fraction into a sum of fractions with the same denominator in more than one way, recording each decomposition by an equation. Justify decompositions, e.g., by using a visual fraction model. <i>Examples:</i> <math>3/8 = 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8</math>; <math>3/8 = 1/8 + 2/8</math>; <math>2\ 1/8 = 1 + 1 + 1/8 = 8/8 + 8/8 + 1/8</math>.</p> <p>c. Add and subtract mixed numbers with like denominators, e.g., by replacing each mixed number with an equivalent fraction, and/or by using properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction.</p>	
<p><b>4.NF.B.4abc</b> Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication to multiply a fraction by a whole number.</p> <p>a. Understand a fraction <math>a/b</math> as a multiple of <math>1/b</math>. <i>For example, use a visual fraction model to represent <math>5/4</math> as the product <math>5 \times (1/4)</math>, recording the conclusion by the equation <math>5/4 = 5 \times (1/4)</math>.</i></p> <p>b. Understand a multiple of <math>a/b</math> as a multiple of <math>1/b</math>, and use this understanding to multiply a fraction by a whole number. <i>For example, use a visual fraction model to express <math>3 \times (2/5)</math> as <math>6 \times (1/5)</math>, recognizing this product as <math>6/5</math>. (In general, <math>n \times (a/b) = (n \times a)/b</math>.)</i></p> <p>c. Solve word problems involving multiplication of a fraction by a whole number, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem. <i>For example, if each person at a party will eat <math>3/8</math> of a pound of roast beef, and there will be 5 people at the party, how many pounds of roast beef will be needed? Between what two whole numbers does your answer lie?</i></p>	

<p><b>5.NF.B.7</b> Apply and extend previous understandings of division to divide unit fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers by unit fractions.</p> <p>a. Interpret division of a unit fraction by a non-zero whole number, and compute such quotients. <i>For example, create a story context for <math>(1/3) \div 4</math>, and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient. Use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that <math>(1/3) \div 4 = 1/12</math> because <math>(1/12) \times 4 = 1/3</math>.</i></p> <p>b. Interpret division of a whole number by a unit fraction, and compute such quotients. <i>For example, create a story context for <math>4 \div (1/5)</math>, and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient. Use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that <math>4 \div (1/5) = 20</math> because <math>20 \times (1/5) = 4</math>.</i></p> <p>c. Solve real world problems involving division of unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers and division of whole numbers by unit fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem. <i>For example, how much chocolate will each person get if 3 people share <math>1/2</math> lb of chocolate equally? How many <math>1/3</math>-cup servings are in 2 cups of raisins?</i></p>	
<p><b>6.NS.A.1</b> Interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve word problems involving division of fractions by fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem. <i>For example, create a story context for <math>(2/3) \div (3/4)</math> and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient; use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that <math>(2/3) \div (3/4) = 8/9</math> because <math>3/4</math> of <math>8/9</math> is <math>2/3</math>. (In general, <math>(a/b) \div (c/d) = ad/bc</math>.) How much chocolate will each person get if 3 people share <math>1/2</math> lb of chocolate equally? How many <math>3/4</math>-cup servings are in <math>2/3</math> of a cup of yogurt? How wide is a rectangular strip of land with length <math>3/4</math> mi and area <math>1/2</math> square mi?</i></p>	